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HARTFORD, CONN. (UPI) -- CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH SAID TUESDAY THE SPY AGENCY HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY HARMED BY IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING AND NEWS LEAKS.

BUSH SAID DESPITE THE AGENCY'S UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES IN CERTAIN COVERT ACTIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD, IT DID NOT DESERVE THE "DENIGRATION" HEAPED ON IT BY CERTAIN MEDIA.

IN HARTFORD TO ADDRESS THE EXECUTIVE FORUM OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS CENTER, BUSH SAID "SENSELESS DISCLOSURES" HURT THE CIA'S INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS AND SAID HE FAVORED LEGISLATION MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO LEAK CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

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